On the other hand, it was reported that the other man would give trouble.

President.—You did not want to undergo any risk and, therefore, you did not give the contract to the first man, thinking that he would prove unsuccessful eventually.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the first recommendation on the written agreement of the Parappukara Panchayat at 12 per cent accepted ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I accepted the tender of Mr. Ezhuthassan.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The first recommendation of the Panchayat does not appear in the answer.

President.—Was that proposal from Mr. Ezhuthassan at 12 per cent and was that recommended by the Panchayat ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I accepted the tender at the rate offered by him and the recommendation from the Superintendent of Panchayat's Office was at 12½ per cent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether such a recommendation was made or not ?

President.—Here you see a 12½ per cent tender was given and ultimately accepted, and the Panchayat, it would appear, recommended the acceptance of 12 per cent.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—No; not likely.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I know it has taken place.

Veterinary Hospitals.

247. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of animals treated at the different Veterinary Hospitals in the State in 1103;

(b) the cost of drugs supplied to each hospital in the above year;

(c) the amount allotted or what is expected to be spent in the current year on drugs for each of the hospitals?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—

(a)

Ernakulam	1900	animals.
Irinjalakkuda	3305	,,
Trichur	5518	,,
Vadakkancheri	4008	,,
Kunnamkulam	2954	,,
Tattamangalam	6159	,,
Nemmara	1326	,,

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(b)	Ernakulam	441	5	0
	Irinjalakkuda	448	11	0
	Trichur	1,054	2	0
	Vadakkancheri	647	7	0
	Kunnamkulam	471	7	0
	Tattamangalam	596	11	0
	Nemmara	311	11	0

(c) The total provision under "Purchase of Medicine and Instruments" in 1104 is Rs. 6,000. The whole allotment will have to be spent if there is necessity. No distribution of allotment is done.

Head clerk of the Excise Superintendent's Office.

248. Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state is not the newly appointed Head clerk of the Excise Superintendent's Office a Brahmin?

2. How old is he?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(1) Yes.

(2) He is past 24.

Diversion of the Chalakkudi river.

249. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the diversion of the Chalakkudi river for the use of Travancore now stands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government have no information.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any correspondence going on on the subject with the Travancore Government at present?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There was some correspondence going on on the subject and we are waiting for an answer from the Travancore Government on certain points raised by us.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is your final proposal on the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice.

Supply of Stationery.

250. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the date on which stationery materials are generally supplied to all the Government Officers in the State every year;

(b) whether all such materials are already supplied to all the Registry Offices this year; if so, when?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) No date is fixed.

(b) All the available articles have been issued according to urgency.

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